

# SENATE BILL 891

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By: ~~Senator Middleton~~ **Senators Middleton, Kittleman, and Pugh**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Care Commission – Authority of Acute Care Hospitals to**  
3 **Provide Cardiac Surgery Services – Voluntary Relinquishment – Regulations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that certain regulations adopted by the Maryland  
5 Health Care Commission provide for the voluntary relinquishment of the  
6 authority of certain acute care hospitals to provide cardiac surgery services  
7 under certain circumstances; and generally relating to regulations concerning  
8 the voluntary relinquishment of authority to provide cardiac surgery services.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Health – General  
11 Section 19–120.1(g)(2)(v)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 19–120.1.

18 (g) (2) The regulations shall:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1                   (v)     Require, as a condition of the issuance of a certificate of  
2 conformance or a certificate of ongoing performance [to an acute general hospital  
3 without on-site cardiac surgery services], that [the] AN acute general hospital agree  
4 to voluntarily relinquish its authority to provide **CARDIAC SURGERY SERVICES**,  
5 emergency PCI services, or elective PCI services if the hospital fails to meet the  
6 applicable standards established by the Commission;

7                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 June 1, 2014.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.